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Connector

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Response To Office Action

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 05/04/2005 in regard to the above-identified patent application. Claims 11-16 and 20-23 were rejected 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Alvarez. The examiner is requested to reconsider this rejection.

The examiner stated that applicant's claimed extruding step is "well known in the art." Applicants' attorney hereby challenges the examiner's Official Notice. In accordance with MPEP §2144.03 the examiner is requested to cite a reference in support of his position.

In view of the examiner's need to combine "well known in the art" with Alvarez, the examiner should consider if his rejection is under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or 35 U.S.C. §103(a) to clarify issues for appeal.

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Regarding non-elected claims 24-28, a petition was filed on January 27, 2005 to have the examiner's restriction reviewed.

In regard to the language used in the dependent claims, a petition has been filed to have the examiner's objection reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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